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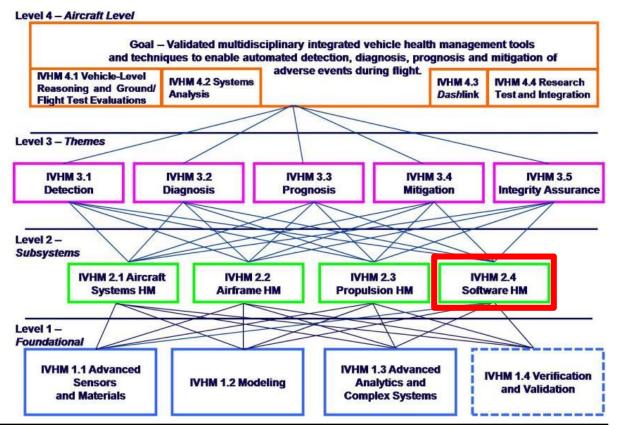
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Motivation: Software as Failure Source?





Qantas 72 - Oct 7, 2008 – A330 (Australia) – ATSB Report

At 1240:28, while the aircraft was cruising at 37,000 ft, the autopilot disconnected. From about the same time there were various aircraft system failure indications. At 1242:27, while the crew was evaluating the situation, the aircraft abruptly pitched nose-down. The aircraft reached a maximum pitch angle of about 8.4 degrees nose-down, and descended 650 ft during the event. After returning the aircraft to 37,000 ft, the crew commenced actions to deal with multiple failure messages. At 1245:08, the aircraft commenced a second uncommanded pitch-down event. The aircraft reached a maximum pitch angle of about 3.5 degrees nose-down, and descended about 400 ft during this second event. At 1249, the crew made a PAN urgency broadcast to air traffic control, and requested a clearance to divert to and track direct to Learmonth. At 1254, after receiving advice from the cabin of several serious injuries, the crew declared a MAYDAY. The aircraft subsequently landed at Learmonth at 1350.

The investigation to date has identified two significant safety factors related to the pitch-down movements. Firstly, immediately prior to the autopilot disconnect, one of the air data inertial reference units (ADIRUs) started providing erroneous data (spikes) on many parameters to other aircraft systems. The other two ADIRUs continued to function correctly. Secondly, some of the spikes in angle of attack data were not filtered by the flight control computers, and the computers subsequently commanded the pitch-down movements.

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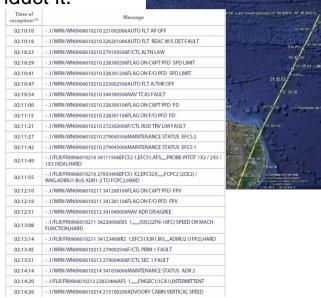




AF 447 – June 1, 2009 – A330 (Atlantic Ocean) – BEA Interim Report

On Monday 1st June 2009 at around 7 h 45, the BEA was alerted by the Air France Operations Coordination Centre, which had received no news from flight AF447 between Rio de Janeiro Galeão (Brazil) and Paris Charles de Gaulle. After having established without doubt that the airplane had disappeared in international waters and in accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and to the French Civil Aviation Code (Book VII), the BEA launched a technical investigation and a team was formed to conduct it.

- ACARS messages indicate:
 - autopilot disconnect...
 - reconfiguration to alternate control law...
 - autothrust disconnect...
 - inconsistent ADR data...
 - cabin vertical speed
- History of speed sensor problems



"Visual examination showed that the airplane was not destroyed in flight; it appears to have struck the surface of the sea in level flight with high vertical acceleration"

http://www.bea.aero/docspa/2009/f-cp090601e1.en/pdf/f-cp090601e1.en.pdf

Problem Statement





Embedded software is a complex engineering artifact that can have latent faults, uncaught by testing and verification. Such faults become apparent during operation when unforeseen modes and/or (system) faults appear.

The problem:

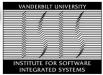
- General: How to construct a Software Health Management system that detects such faults, isolates their source/s, prognosticates their progression, and takes mitigation actions in the system context?
- <u>Specific</u>: How to specify, design, and implement such a system using a *model-based framework*?

The larger picture:

- General: Software Health Management must be integrated with System Health Management – 'Software Health Effects' must be understood on the Vehicle Level.
- Specific: Vehicle-Level Reasoning System: New start project that builds a Vehicle-level HM technology – participation on the Boeing team.

Background





<u>Software Fault Tolerance</u>: Methods and techniques to implement software that can tolerate faults in itself, in the platform it is running on, in the hardware system it is connected to, and in the environment.

- Extends (hardware-based) fault-tolerance techniques to software
- Literature:
 - Wilfredo Torres-Pomales: Software Fault Tolerance: A Tutorial, NASA/TM-2000-210616, Langley Research Center, 2000
 - Software Fault Tolerance, Edited by Michael R. Lyu, Published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd.
- Single version techniques:
 - Component self-protection and self-checking
 - On-line checks: replication, timing, reversal, coding, reasonableness, structural...
 - Checkpointing, pair-wise operation
- Multi-version techniques:
 - Recovery blocks, n-version programming, n-self-checking, consensus-based...
- Limitations:
 - Reactive behavior + Hand-crafted construction + Limited integration with 'system'

Background





Why 'Software Health Management' and why now?

- Complexity of systems necessitates an additional layer 'above' SFT that manages the 'Software Health'
- Embedded software
 - is a crucial ingredient in aerospace systems
 - is a method for implementing functionality
 - is the 'universal system integrator'
 - could exhibit faults that lead to system failures
 - complexity has progressed to the point that zero-defect systems (containing both hardware and software) are very difficult to build
- Systems Health Management is an emerging field that addresses precisely this problem: How to manage systems' health in case of faults?
- 'Software Health Management' is <u>not</u>...
 - A replacement for existing and robust engineering processes and standards (DO-178B)
 - A substitute for hardware- and software fault tolerance
 - An 'ultimate' solution for fault tolerance

IVHM milestones(s) being worked





<u>Model-based Software Health Management</u>: Model-based techniques and tools for detecting, diagnosing, prognosticating and mitigating software-related faults.

- The work is directly related to the topic "IVHM 2.4 Software Health Management" of the IVHM Technology Plan.
 - "The goal of the Software Health Management element is to develop the tools and techniques needed to enable the detection, diagnosis, prognosis, and mitigation of errors and related adverse events caused or contributed to by software systems in aircraft."
- Related IVHM milestones:



• Award timeline: 10/1/08-9/31/11 (3 years), currently starting Year 2

Approach





Summary:

Build tools and techniques for model-based, generated health manager/s for software components and systems.

Year	Focus of effort:	Milestones:	Deadline (relative to year)
1	Literature review, concept development,	Literature review Implementation plan	Y1+6mos Y1+6mos
	component-level health management	Component-level health manager Testbed, experiment, demonstration	Y1+10mos Y1+11mos
2	Software health management for cascading faults	Modeling language System-level health manager (v1) Testbed, experiment, demonstration	Y2+3mos Y2+10mos Y2+11mos
3	Software health management for systemic faults	Modeling goal trees System-level health manager (v2) Experiment/demonstration	Y3+3mos Y3+10mos Y3+11mos

Phase I: Literature Review



Main conclusions:

- Faults in systems and in software are well recognized and both detection and mitigation techniques are available.
- For SHM, the most relevant HM/FDIR concepts and techniques are: run-time fault detection, diagnosis, and containment and mitigation.
- Fault detection for software is **difficult**, because it is often **hard to define** what the **correct** behavior is. Hence, techniques are needed for modeling the correct behavior of components and subsystems, under all foreseeable scenarios.
- Fault diagnosis in the classical sense ('fault source isolation') may be problematic, as it is **hard to foresee the exact faults** in software. It may be more *pragmatic* to indict solely the faulty software component, with some model of how it has failed.
- Fault containment techniques could be used to provide the primary protection from failures that can possibly propagate into high-criticality components, and such techniques are needed for protecting the SHM system as well.
- Fault mitigation and recovery should be placed on a more **systematic** and **formal** basis such that faults and failures are anticipated in the software development process, and **appropriate verifiable mitigation actions** are designed into the system. One can take advantage of the existing results; however a general, reusable framework for the approach is still a research challenge.

Phase I: Implementation Plan





- Phase I Implementation Plan
 - Use a component-based approach: <u>software components</u> and/or component containers as the *primary* units as SHM
 - 1. Select platform:
 - Representative OS: ARINC-653 / IMA emulated on Linux
 - Component System: Lightweight Component Framework Implementation
 - 2. Prototype technology:
 - Monitoring on the level of components
 - Monitors detect discrepancies
 - Health manager reacts with *mitigation actions*
 - 3. Demonstrate technology on selected examples
 - Small component-based system
 - Small UAV flight software two controllers
 - Available from VU/CMU/UCB MURI project

Prototype Technology





Phase I – Implementation

- Technology approach: Component-level health management
 - Monitoring the component
 - Interfaces (synchronous/asynchronous calls)
 - Component state
 - Scheduling and timing (WCET)
 - Resource usage

Detection:

- Pre/post conditions over call parameters, rates, and component state
- Conditions over timing properties
- Conditions over resource usage (e.g. memory footprint)
- Combinations of the above

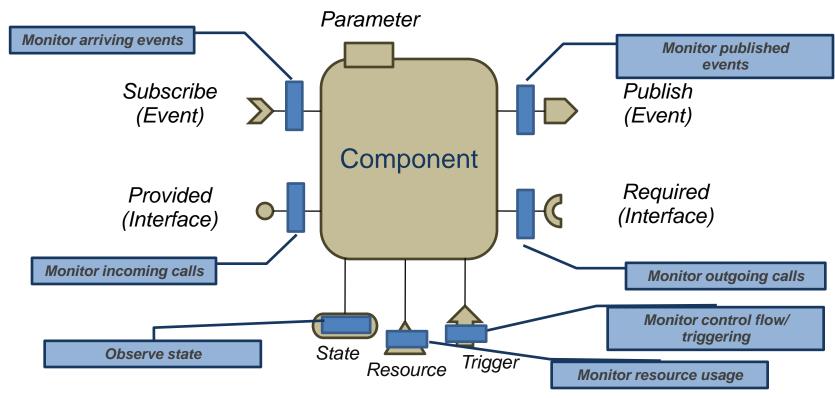
Mitigation:

- Given detected anomaly and state of the component take action
- Can be time- or event-triggered
- Actions: restart, initialize, block call, inject value, inject call, release resource, modify state; combination of the above

Notional Component Model







A component is a unit (containing potentially many objects). The component is *parameterized*, has **state**, it consumes **resources**, publishes and subscribes to **events**, provides interfaces and requires interfaces from other components.

Publish/Subscribe: Event-driven, asynchronous communication (publisher does not wait)

Required/Provided: Synchronous communication using call/return semantics.

Triggering can be periodic or sporadic.

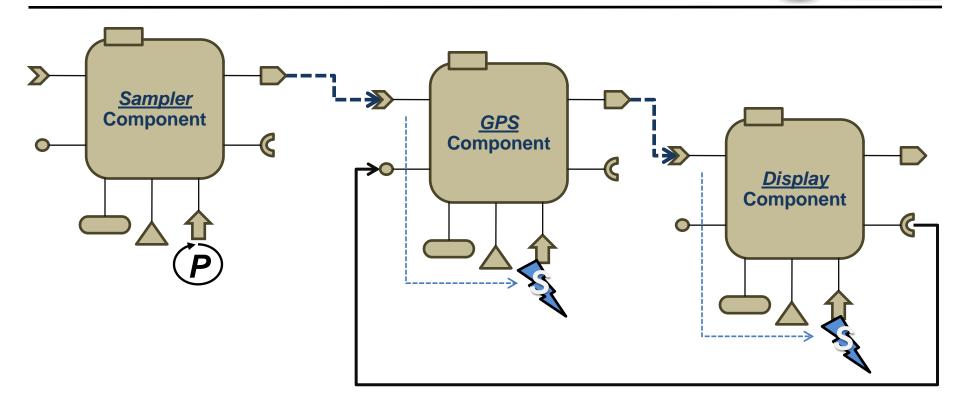
Extension of a Component Model defined by OMG (CCM): state, resource, trigger interfaces.

The CM allows monitoring of various properties of the software component, at run-time.

Example: Component Interactions





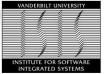


Components can interact via asynchronous/event-triggered and synchronous/call-driven connections.

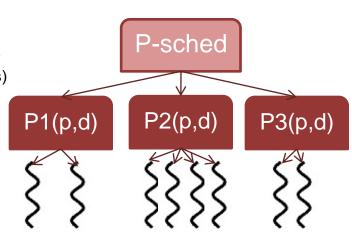
Example: The Sampler component is triggered periodically and it <u>publishes</u> an event upon each activation. The GPS component <u>subscribes</u> to this event and is triggered sporadically to obtain GPS data from the receiver, and when ready it publishes its own output event. The *Display* component is triggered sporadically via this event and it uses a required interface to retrieve the position data from the GPS component.

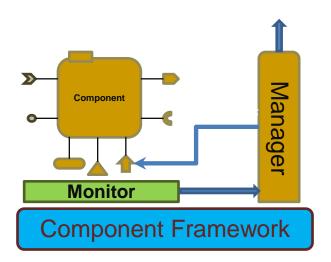
Component-level Health Management: 1/2





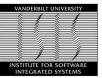
- Phase I Component-level Health Manager
 - Platform:
 - ARINC-653-like RTOS emulated on Linux
 - Linux process → 'Partition' (controlled via signals)
 - Linux thread → 'Process' (monitored exec time)
 - Lightweight Component Framework
 - Open source CCM (MICO)
 - Modified to work on SW emulator
 - Monitoring:
 - On interface → CCM "interceptors"
 - On state → Required 'state access' methods
 - Timing → thread monitoring
 - Resources → API calls
 - Mitigation:
 - Given detection event (condition, state, timing, resource usage)
 - Given time since last event
 - → Take mitigation action
- → Independently designed, implemented, and verified.





Component-level Health Management: 2/2





Manager's behavioral model:

- Finite-state machine
- Triggers: monitored events, time
- Actions: mitigation activities

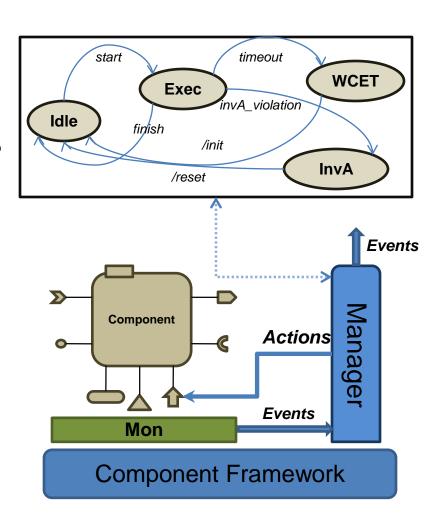
Manager is local to component container (for efficiency) but shall be protected from the faults of functional components

Notional behavior:

Track component state changes via detected events and progression of time

Take mitigation actions as needed Design issues:

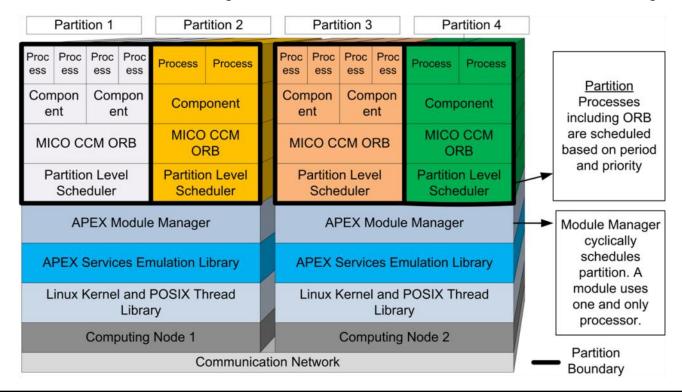
- Co-location with component (fault containment)
- Local detection may implicate another component



Results



- Implementation platform for experimentation
 - ARINC-653 emulator on Linux: Partial implementation of the APEX calls
 - Lightweight Component Framework: MICO/CCM
 - · Minor changes in the source code
 - Periodic and sporadic methods on components
 - Extensions to the IDL-generated code to enforce execution time monitoring



Results

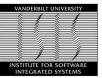


Phase I – Component-level Health Manager - Status

- Platform:
 - Prototype is operational on selected test examples
 - Able to detect WCET violations, evaluate pre- and post-conditions on interface calls
 - Examples use hand-coded conditions and mitigation actions
- Monitoring:
 - Specification language is in progress will be embedded in an architecture modeling language
 - Changes to IDL generator for CCM is prototyped
- Mitigation:
 - Modeling (specification) language is in progress will be integrated with the component framework
 - Code generator is in progress

Results – Lessons learned about CM + RTOS





Features of CM and RTOS:

- (CM) Singleton components are needed session-based components are *not feasible* (instantiated per client request)
- (CM) CM relies on dynamic memory allocation that contradicts with the ARINC-653 static allocation principles
- (CM) Chained component invocations *must not* result in self-deadlocks
- (CM) Has no support for monitoring the resource usage or the state of the component
- (CM) Exception handling and RTOS error handling must be harmonized, and exception cleanup must release all resources and locks
- (ARINC 653) Health monitoring must be *extended* to monitor and manage health of each component in (CM).

Issues:

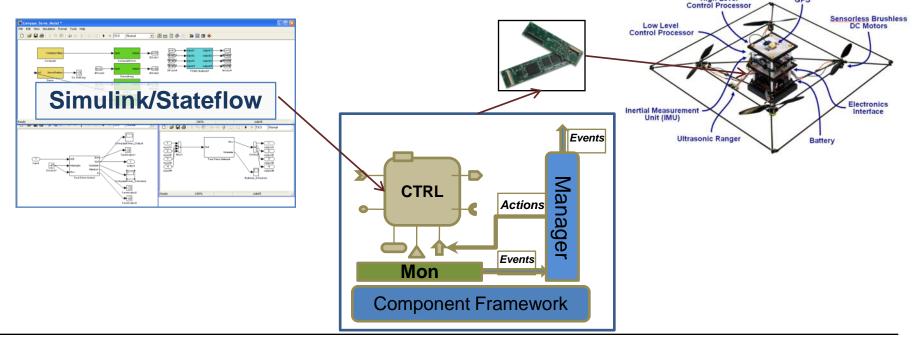
- In ARINC-653 process WCET is fixed and processes cannot be created dynamically → Every component method needs be implemented as a separate process [inefficient].
- (CM) event channels as implemented by many are not truly asynchronous, as they use the same thread → CM implementations must be modified.
- Non-(CM) intra-partition communication must not be used → A *disciplined* software development process is required.
- (CM) inter-partition communication should be mapped to sampling ports and queuing ports. → May lead to inefficiencies (over TCP/IP sockets).
- Mitigation actions need to consider that components can have multiple processes (one per method).

Progress





- Phase I Testbed, experiment, demo Status
 - In the MURI Project "Frameworks and Tools for High-Confidence Design of Adaptive, Distributed Embedded Control Systems" (VU, CMU, UCB, Stanford) we have developed prototype flight control software for a small UAV
 - Original vehicle design and controller by UCB/Stanford (C. Tomlin)
 - Low + high-level controller, available as Simulink model
 - Plan: use this model (2-component controller) as a vehicle to demonstrate a functional Component-level Health Manager.



Conclusions

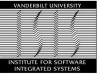




- Component-level health management can be implemented in a modelbased component framework
- The component framework shall be tightly integrated with and based on a robust RTOS platform (e.g. ARINC-653)
- Prototype shows that such integration is feasible but several differences between traditional component frameworks and the RTOS must be resolved
- CCM-like abstractions (interfaces) allow the construction of the 'anomaly detection' services for health-management
- Generation of a component-level health manager from high-level models is feasible and such generation can reduce the coding effort needed
 - Models are used the generate code for and configure the component infrastructure

Next Steps





Immediate:

- Platform:
 - Specification language for condition monitoring
 - Extensions to the (CCM) IDL compiler and generator
 - Finalize ARINC emulator
- Model-based health manager:
 - Modeling language/tool for component architecture, monitors, and health manager behavior
 - Generator for component-level health manager
- Continuous integration, testing, and evaluation

Year 2:

- Develop modeling approach for cascading faults
- Design and develop system level health-manager
- Prototype and evaluate approach

Publications





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